

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

I'm tired of the government taking away my rights. We should still have the freedom to make our own choices. If they feel I need the exam then the government should help pay for this. I don't have health insurance so being able to purchase by mail has helped me. Also your payment plan has been a really big help.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance...

I did have the exam once and the hearing aid cost was \$2,000 dollars. I feel the great hearing aid does as good or better job. So why pay these high prices. Just one more way to get to the low income people.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

NO

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

yes

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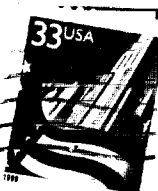
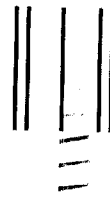
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